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City prepares for Columbia Avenue closure

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Columbia Avenue between Chicago Avenue and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad crossing will be closed beginning at 6 a.m. until 5 p.m., Friday, April 3. The closure will allow for continued construction of the Columbia Avenue Railroad Overpass.

All thru-traffic will be detoured to Palmyrita Avenue. Access to businesses east of the BNSF Railroad crossing will be maintained via Iowa Avenue.

The \$30 million project will raise Columbia Avenue over the railroad tracks in the Hunter Business Park, between La Cadena Drive and Iowa Avenue. The project will save commuters five hours a day and eliminate 29 tons of greenhouse gases annually.

The project is expected to be completed in 2010.

For more information, visit the City's website at <http://www.riversideca.gov/gs/gs-columbia.asp> or call the City of Riverside Public Works Department at (951) 826-5760.

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